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REWARD FOR INFORMATION ON GRIZZLY BEAR SHOOTING

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BILLINGS, **Mont.** – The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) is investigating the shooting of a grizzly bear (*Ursus arctos horribilis*) on the Gallatin National Forest. The grizzly bear was discovered by hikers over Memorial Day weekend in the vicinity of Cache Creek Road/Taylor Fork Road, which is just north of the Yellowstone National Park boundary on highway 191, and south of Big Sky, Montana.

Grizzly bears are listed as threatened in the lower 48 states pursuant to the Endangered Species Act. The shooting and/or possession of any unlawfully harvested grizzly bears, including parts thereof, are considered a violation of said act.

The area where the grizzly bear was discovered is frequented by outdoor recreationists and hunters alike, and according to reports, experienced heavy traffic over this popular weekend. As a result, someone recreating in the area may have relevant information that could aid investigators with the investigation. Anyone with information regarding the shooting is asked to contact the USFWS, **Office of Law Enforcement in Billings**, **Montana at (406)247-7355. The Service will pay up to \$1,000** for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible. Anyone providing that information to authorities may remain anonymous. Information can also be reported to the Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks TIP- MONT line at 1-800-TIP-MONT (800-847-6668).

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